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The Honorable Stephen J. Spingarn  
Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Commissioner Spingarn:

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 1951, renewing the invitation to speak to the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association at the fourth annual convention on 4 August 1951.

Due to official obligations which have arisen since my letter of 13 April 1951, I now find that it will be impossible for me to get away from the office during the convention. Please convey my sincere regrets and my best wishes to the members of the Association for a most successful conference.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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13 April 1951

Mr. Stephen J. Spingarn  
Commissioner, Federal Trade  
Commission  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Spingarn:

Thank you for your letter of April 10th inviting me to speak at the fourth annual convention of the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association to be held in Cleveland on August 4th.

I appreciate your invitation and wish it were possible for me to give you an affirmative answer at this time. Regrettably, however, the nature of my official duties makes it impossible for me to accept invitations for a date so far in the future.

Perhaps by early July, if you would care to renew this invitation, I shall be able to predict my official obligations with sufficient accuracy to permit a definite reply. I realize, however, that in arranging a function of this kind, it is necessary to line up your principal speaker well in advance. Therefore, if you would rather obtain a firm acceptance from someone else at this time, please feel free to do so, and I shall not be offended in the least.

Please convey to the members of the Association my appreciation for the compliment implied in this invitation. I am genuinely sorry that I cannot accept definitely at this time.

Sincerely,

Walter B. Smith  
Director

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